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Dear Ms. Whitman:

At the request of Mr. Dave O'Reilly, I am pleased to respond to your letter dated May 31, 2001 soliciting Chevron's interest and participation in EPA's Voluntary Children's Chemical Evaluation Program. Chevron has a long-standing record of support for sound scientific research and toxicology assessments, as illustrated by our active participation in voluntary programs like the HPV Challenge. We support efforts to improve knowledge and understanding concerning the protection of children's health from potential hazards and are encouraged to read in your letter that the VCCEP program "will strictly follow a rigorous science-based approach."

We plan to participate in the Voluntary Children's Chemical Evaluation Program pilot through our chemical affiliate, Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP, which will be sponsoring specific chemicals in industry consortium groups. You can expect to hear from these consortium groups in the near future. Should there be any questions in this regard, you should not hesitate to contact me at 510-242-7011.

Very truly yours,

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